

# HOUSE BILL 325

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegates Conway and McDermott**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Slot Machines for Nonprofit Organizations on the Eastern Shore – Uses of**  
3 **Proceeds**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a provision so as to require that one-half of the net after  
5 payout proceeds from slot machines operated by certain nonprofit organizations  
6 in counties on the Eastern Shore must benefit charities; making this Act an  
7 emergency measure; and generally relating to slot machines for nonprofit  
8 organizations in certain counties.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Criminal Law  
11 Section 12–304(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Criminal Law  
16 Section 12–304(c)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Criminal Law**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 12-304.

2 (a) In this section, “eligible organization” means:

3 (1) a nonprofit organization that:

4 (i) has been located in a county listed in subsection (b) of this  
5 section for at least 5 years before the organization applies for a license under  
6 subsection (e) of this section; and

7 (ii) is a bona fide:

8 1. fraternal organization;

9 2. religious organization; or

10 3. war veterans’ organization; or

11 (2) a nonprofit organization that has been affiliated with a national  
12 fraternal organization for less than 5 years and has been located in a county listed in  
13 subsection (b) of this section for at least 50 years before the nonprofit organization  
14 applies for a license under subsection (e) of this section.

15 (c) (1) In this subsection, a console or set of affixed slot machines is not  
16 an individual slot machine.

17 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, an eligible  
18 organization may own and operate a slot machine if the eligible organization:

19 (i) obtains a license under subsection (e) of this section for each  
20 slot machine;

21 (ii) owns each slot machine that the eligible organization  
22 operates;

23 (iii) owns not more than five slot machines;

24 (iv) locates and operates its slot machines at its principal  
25 meeting hall in the county in which the eligible organization is located;

26 (v) does not locate or operate its slot machines in a private  
27 commercial facility;

28 (vi) uses:

1                           1.     at least one-half of the [gross] NET AFTER PAYOUT  
2 proceeds from its slot machines for the benefit of a charity; and

3                           2.     the remainder of the proceeds from its slot machines  
4 to further the purposes of the eligible organization;

5                           (vii) does not use any of the proceeds of the slot machine for the  
6 financial benefit of an individual; and

7                           (viii) reports annually under affidavit to the State Comptroller:

8                           1.     the income of each slot machine; and

9                           2.     the disposition of the income from each slot machine.

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
11 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
12 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
13 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
14 the date it is enacted.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.